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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5747

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FOR AMBASSADODOR MARTIN FROM AMBASSADOR EILTS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG EAGR UN FAO

SUBJECT: MARTIN-MAREI EXCHANGES

REF: STATE 51177 AND CAIRO 1173

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY TELEPHONED SAYED MAREI'S OFFICE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE HAD AS YET RETURNED FROM ALEXANDRIA. HE HAD NOT, BUT IS EXPECTED BACK IN NEXT FEW DAYS. (ACCORDING PRESS, MAREI IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR ALGIERS MARCH 24 AND THEREAFTER PROCEED TO US ON AN AS YET INDETERMINATE DATE.) ACCORDINGLY, IN INTEREST OBTAINING EXPEDITIOUS REPLY, I SENT YOUR LETTER THROUGH HIS ASSISTANT, DR. HEFNI, WHO PROMISED FORWARD IT TO HIM.

2. YOUR EARLIER LETTER (STATE 46221) HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO HIM SEVERAL DAYS AGO THROUGH HEFNI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MAREI TO YOU DATED MARCH 14 WAS RECEIVED TODAY IN REPLY:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. MARTIN,

HIS EXCELLENCY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO HAS DELIVERED TO ME YOUR MESSAGE OF MARCH 4. I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT AFTER OUR MEETING DURING THE SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE WFC IN NEW
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YORK, I HAVE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS IN ROME WITH THE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.N. AGENCIES WHERE WERE FIXED THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE AGENCIES DURING THE COMING PERIOD AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PREPARATORY WORK NECESSARY FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN GENEVA, AS WELL AS THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PREPARATORY WORK OF THE WFC ITSELF.

AFTERWARDS, I LEFT ROME TO GENEVA WHERE SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD TO DISCUSS SEVERAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE WFC, AND THE SUBJECT OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS RECEIVED A CERTAIN PROMINENCE. IN MY OPINION THESE MEETINGS HAVE DEFINED CLEARLY THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF U.N. AGENCIES.

IN FACT MY TIME IN EGYPT WAS VERY BUSY HAVING REGARD TO MY PRESENT ENGAGEMENT IN THE PREPARATION FOR A TOUR I HOPE TO UNDERTAKE PERSONALLY IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, THE PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE NOMINATION OF AN AMERICAN DEPUTY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE, THAT I WELCOME VERY MUCH SUCH A NOMINATION. IN FACT I HAVE JUST APPROVED THE NOMINATION PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION OF MR. ROSLOV AS A DEPUTY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE. ONCE THE AMERICAN NOMINEE IS APPOINTED, I SHALL DETERMINE THE RESPECTIVE TASKS OF THE TWO DEPUTIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE GENERAL INTEREST OF WORK IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES EFFECTIVELY, SPECIALLY DURING THE PERIODS WHEN I AM NOT IN NEW YORK. I THEREFORE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR NOMINATION.

AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW I SHALL BE IN NEW YORK JUST BEFORE THE HOLDING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I WOULD LIKE THEN TO SETTLE THIS MATTER WITH YOU WHETHER IN RESPECT OF THE CHOICE OF YOUR NOMINEE AND THE DETERMINATION OF HIS ATTRIBUTIONS OR IN RESPECT OF THE MAKING OF THE APPROPRIATE DECISION ACCORDINGLY.

YOURS SINCERELY,

SAYED MAREI

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3. WILL ADVISE WHEN REPLY TO YOUR SECOND LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
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